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IN RE APPLICATION OF

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 2023115/10/03  
BWP  
10/11/03AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the outstanding action dated January 24, 2003, in the above-identified application, having a period for response set to expire July 24, 2003, due to the attached three-month petition for extension of time, Applicants respectfully request the following amendment be entered and the claims considered in light thereof.

[X] A petition to extend this period for three-month(s) until July 24, 2003, is attached.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please delete claim 9. ✓

Please amend the claims as follows: ✓

- 01 1. (Once amended) A method for treating or preventing conditions and diseases associated with IGT or IFG comprising administering a nateglinide or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof to subjects in need thereof.
- 02 4.6. (Once amended) The method of claim 1 for the prevention conditions or diseases associated with IGT in subjects with prandial glucose excursions having 2 hour plasma glucose values between 7.8 to 11.1 mmol/L after an OGTT or casual glucose test.
- 03 8. (Once amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the hypoglycemic agent is nateglinide, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.